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Stamas Appointed to Senate Appropriations Committee

(Lansing)- Incoming Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming), today appointed Senatorelect Tony Stamas (R-Midland), to the Senate Appropriations Committee for the legislative session beginning January 2003.

"Tony Stamas' leadership on the House Appropriations Committee will bring valuable experience to the Senate Appropriations Committee", Sikkema stated. "Stamas' leadership will be a tremendous asset to the committee as Michigan families and businesses look to the state to establish a solid economy."

The Senate Appropriations Committee is responsible for approving all state government spending, including the annual budgets of state departments.

"I look forward to working with my new colleagues- both Democrats and Republicans alike- to overcome the current challenges our state budget is facing," Stamas said. "I am eager to start working in the Senate and continue to foster economic development and job creation for Michigan's families," Stamas continued.

Stamas was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1999, and currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee.

On January 8, 2003, Tony Stamas will be sworn in as the State Senator of the 36th District, representing Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Otsego counties.

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Editor's Note: Comments from Senator-elect Stamas regarding his committee assignment are available on the House Republican Hotline at (517) 373-0111.

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